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Dear Sir:

This letter is addressed to you in the name of the National Strike Committee of Mexico. The Committee is composed of over 100 students democratically elected as representatives of the many Universities, Technical and High Schools on strike since the last days of August of this year. The membership of the Committee is rotating and is constantly renewed and continues to function-- even though many chosen representatives of the students are behind bars.

We know you as a person incessantly fighting for justice and human dignity and democracy, all of which are being trampled upon by the repressive Mexican Government. The most recent outrage rose to new heights of barbarity: the Government on October 2 unleashed upon 20,000 peaceful demonstrators in Mexico's Plaza de las Tres Culturas a systematic and savage attack, using crack troops and police, supported by tanks and helicopters: killing over 50 persons and wounding at least 1000, including students, women and children. Enclosed is a summary of ten serious violations of human rights perpetrated by the Government, of which the latest act is merely an example.

Our protest of police repression was not intended to interfere with the Olympic Games; rather the continued escalation of open, brutal repression perpetuates our stubborn and increased resistance. In our struggle, we have found deep and growing support from the population. We have the support of most of our professors and parents. This is in spite of the enormous efforts of the Government and the press to keep the population uninformed and misinformed. We shall keep fighting until we obtain justice.

We are convinced that Mexico's boasts to all foreign visitors who come to the Olympic Games of the progress and the quality of the Government will only demonstrate an already obvious hypocrisy.

The National Strike Committee asks you to take the steps you see fit in order to expose the actions of the Mexican Government and to protest against them, and to make known the just nature of the fight of the Mexican students.

Being certain of your positive action,

We send you a cordial greeting.

NATIONAL STRIKE COMMITTEE